Building for Health sub-Centres

39. DR. NARREDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of health sub centres in the country;

(b) how many of them have their own buildings;

(c) how many health sub centres are there in Andhra Pradesh and how many of them have their own buildings; and

(d) how much money is being spent annually towards rent for the buildings of sub centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) According to information made available by State U.T. Government there were 1,26,614 sub-centres functioning in the country as on 31-3-1990 and 47,274 have their own building.

(c) According to reports there are 7,894 sub-centres in Andhra Pradesh of which 3,144 sub-centres have their own building.

(d) State/UT Governments are entitled to receive Rs. 1,000 per annum as Central Assistance per sub-centre, towards rent for the Units established after 1-4-81. This is included in the total amount of assistance for sub-centres and Government of India do not keep seperate account of amount spent towards sub-centre building rent for States and UTs.

Regional Health and Family Planning Training Centre

40. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the number of regional health and family planning training centres in the country at present and how many of such centres are there in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): There are 47 Health and Family Welfare Training Centres in the country and of these four are in Andhra Pradesh located at Hyderabad, Vishakapatnam, Guntur and Kurnool.

Primary Health Centre Buildings with the Assistance of U. N. Funds

41. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the names of the States where buildings were constructed for primary health centres and sub-centres with the fund from the United Nations and in which States such projects are in progress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): Primary Health Centres and sub-centres were constructed in the States of Bihar and Rajasthan under Area Project Scheme implemented during 1981-87 and 1980-86 respectively with the assistance of United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA). Currently a Phase-II Area Project is in progress in the state of Rajasthan with UNFPA assistance and this project also envisages construction of such health centres.

Improvement in training of pilots

42. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 200 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received the report of the Committee appointed to study and suggest steps for improvement in the training of pilots;

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations made by the Committee; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to implement these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) The report is under examination of the Government.

Indo-US Project under AIIMS

43. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States Ambassador has recently presented a cheque of Rs. 31 lakhs to the Director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi for an Indo-US project;

(b) if so, what are the details of the Indo-US project on which this amount will be spent;

(c) whether Government also propose to share in this project; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (d) The all India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi have informed that the Indo-US project has been set up under agreement No. N-411-605 entitled Development and Differentiation of Nervous System Using Monoclonal Antibodies." The total budget of this project is Rs. 63.4 lakhs for five years. The first instalment of Rs. 31.08 lakhs was released to the Director, AIIMS, New Delhi through the US Ambassador in Delhi on 26-3-1990. The project is funded by US India Rupee Fund.

BLINDNESS Among Children

44. SHRI GHUFRAM AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMIIY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the news item captioned "30000 kids get blind every day" as reported in the Hindustan Times of the 31st March, 1990;

(b) whether it is a fact that the incidence of eye troubles and defective eyesight among children is the highes in our country;

(c) whether Government propose to adopt any policy to aware the mothers about importance of proper nutrition and timely treatment in case of any eye trouble; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Under the Maternal and Child Health Programme of the Ministry, there is a scheme of Prophylaxis against blindness due to Vitamin 'A' deficiency amongst children of 1—5 age group for which Oral dose of 2 lakh International Units of Vitamin 'A' is given to the above age group of children every six months.

Suggestions to amend Pharmacy Education Regulations

45. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pharmacy Council of India had recommended for amending the Pharmacy Education Regulations regarding the minimum qualifications for admission to Diploma in Pharmacy Course and the duration of the said course; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons for the delay in giving approval to the proposals?